

Requesting Member: Representative ROB BISHOP

Bill number: H.R. 1105

Account: Fund for the Improvement of Education

Name of requesting entity: Weber State University

Address of requesting entity: 3850 University Circle, Ogden, Utah 84408

Description of request: \$143,000 for a teacher training initiative to prepare teaching assistants to become teachers.

Requesting Member: Representative ROB BISHOP

Bill number: H.R. 1105

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration

Name of requesting entity: Intermountain Healthcare

Address of requesting entity: 36 South State Street Floor 22, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Description of request: \$476,000 for the Patient Safety Initiative, including purchase and implementation of electronic medical records and equipment

Requesting Member: Representative ROB BISHOP

Bill number: H.R. 1105

Account: FTA Bus and Bus Facilities account

Name of requesting entity: Cache Valley Transit District

Address of requesting entity: 754 West 600 North, Logan, Utah 84321

Description of request: \$475,000 to construct a new multi-use facility for the transit district

Requesting Member: Representative ROB BISHOP

Bill number: H.R. 1105

Account: FTA Bus and Bus Facilities account

Name of requesting entity: Cache Valley Transit District

Address of requesting entity: 754 West 600 North, Logan, Utah 84321

Description of request: \$475,000 for Cache Valley Transit District Hybrid Bus Fleet Expansion

Requesting Member: Representative ROB BISHOP

Bill number: H.R. 1105

Account: FTA New Starts/Fixed Guideway account

Name of requesting entity: Utah Transit Authority

Address of requesting entity: 669 West 200 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84130

Description of request: \$81,600,000 for a 44 mile commuter rail project linking Weber County to Salt Lake City

Requesting Member: Representative ROB BISHOP

Bill number: H.R. 1105

Account: Federal Highway Administration—Federal Lands account

Name of requesting entity: Brigham City, Utah

Address of requesting entity: 20 North Main Street, Brigham City, Utah 84302

Description of request: \$285,000 to complete construction on the Bear River Access Road to the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge.

TRIBUTE TO JESSE PURVIS

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. LATHAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Jesse Purvis, a high school student and Boy Scout, from Woodward, Iowa.

Jesse, who remembers the tornado that stormed through his town in November 2005, distributed emergency kits throughout Woodward this February. The emergency kits contain information provided by the Red Cross, Dallas County Emergency Management, Iowa One Call, and Iowa Homeland Security including directions on what to do in case of an emergency or disaster, and colored ribbons to be used on homes to help first responders during emergencies.

Jesse's concern and sacrifices for his community serve as wonderful examples of the compassionate nature of Iowans. I know that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in thanking Jesse Purvis for his philanthropy and setting an example as a young leader. I consider it an honor to represent Jesse in Congress, and I wish him the best in his future.

INTRODUCING THE CHILD HEALTH CARE AFFORDABILITY ACT

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. PAUL. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to help working Americans provide for their children's health care needs by introducing the Child Health Care Affordability Act. The Child Health Care Affordability Act provides parents with a tax credit of up to \$500 for health care expenses of dependent children. Parents caring for a child with a disability, terminal disease, cancer, or any other health condition requiring specialized care would receive a tax credit of up to \$3,000 to help cover their child's health care expenses.

The tax credit would be available to all citizens, regardless of whether or not they itemize their deductions. The credit applies against both income and payroll tax liability. The tax credits provided in this bill will be especially helpful to those Americans whose employers cannot afford to provide health insurance for their employees. These workers must struggle to meet the medical bills of themselves and their families. This burden is especially heavy on parents whose children have a medical condition, such as cancer or a physical disability, that requires long-term or specialized health care.

As an OB-GYN who has had the privilege of delivering more than four thousand babies, I know how important it is that parents have the resources to provide adequate health care for their children. The inability of many working Americans to provide health care for their children is rooted in one of the great inequities of the tax code—Congress's failure to allow individuals the same ability to deduct health care costs that it grants to businesses. As a direct result of Congress's refusal to provide individuals with health care related tax credits, par-

ents whose employers do not provide health insurance have to struggle to provide health care for their children. Many of these parents work in low-income jobs; oftentimes, their only recourse for health care is the local emergency room.

Sometimes parents are forced to delay seeking care for their children until minor health concerns that could have been easily treated become serious problems requiring expensive treatment. If these parents had access to the type of tax credits provided in the Child Health Care Affordability Act, they would be better able to provide care for their children, and our nation's already overcrowded emergency rooms would be relieved of the burden of having to provide routine care for people who otherwise cannot afford it.

According to research on the effects of this bill done by my staff and legislative counsel, the benefit of these tax credits would begin to be felt by joint filers with incomes slightly above \$18,000 dollars per year, or single income filers with incomes slightly above \$15,000 dollars per year. Clearly, this bill will be of the most benefit to low-income Americans balancing the demands of taxation with the needs of their children.

Under the Child Health Care Affordability Act, a struggling single mother with an asthmatic child would at last be able to provide for her child's needs, while a working-class family will not have to worry about how they will pay the bills if one of their children requires lengthy hospitalization or some other form of specialized care.

Madam Speaker, this Congress has a moral responsibility to provide tax relief so that low-income parents struggling to care for a sick child can better meet their child's medical expenses. Some may say that we cannot enact the Child Health Care Affordability Act because it would cause the government to lose revenue. But, who is more deserving of this money, Congress or the working parents of a sick child?

The Child Health Care Affordability Act takes a major step toward helping working Americans meet their health care needs by providing them with generous health care related tax cuts and tax credits. I urge my colleagues to support the pro-family, pro-health care tax cuts contained in the Child Health Care Affordability Act.

CONGRATULATING THE SANTA ROSA WARRIORS

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. HINOJOSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the mighty Santa Rosa Warriors (30–6), who last Saturday represented the City of Santa Rosa and the entire Rio Grande Valley of South Texas in winning the Class 2A 2009 Region IV–2A championship game against Randolph, Texas. The Warriors won in dramatic fashion in overtime and will now take on Ponder, Texas in the state semifinals.

The Rio Grande Valley is a Texas region with a long tradition of great high school sports successes, with state titles in football

and soccer. In reaching the final four, the Warriors are now at the brink of adding a basketball state title to our impressive history of victories.

When any high school team approaches the pinnacle of high school sports—state championship glory—the entire region comes together to cheer on that team. That is the case as the Warriors advance forward one win at a time. On March 13, at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin all of Santa Rosa, all of Cameron County, all of the Rio Grande Valley, and all of South Texas will be rallying for the Warriors. All Valley high schools are united as Santa Rosa takes the court to face their next formidable opponent.

The Warriors have reminded all of us that with outstanding players, solid coaches, hard work, disciplined training, committed parents, and a supportive school, more state titles are in our future. Thank you, Warriors, for representing your school and the Rio Grande Valley so admirably for all the State of Texas to see.

As their Congressman, I am so proud of the Santa Rosa High School Warriors for their outstanding wins on the basketball court and for playing their heart out throughout the season in their fight for a state crown. Please join me in applauding the coaches and each and every one of the Warriors: Coach Johnny Cipriano; Assistant Coaches Omar Guerra and Juan Esparza; Dario Mendoza, Junior; Ruben Lopez, Sophomore; Jacob Garcia, Senior; Jesus Mosqueda, Sophomore; Chris Diaz, Sophomore; Danny Theys, Junior; Rick Cavazos, Junior; Aaron Ramirez, Freshman; Ivan Martinez, Senior; Mark Cordero, Sophomore; Nacho Serrato, Sophomore.

Again, congratulations to the Warriors and their families, Santa Rosa High School, the City of Santa Rosa, and the Rio Grande Valley.

EARL CAMPBELL

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, Earl Campbell is known throughout the nation as one of the best running backs to ever play the game of football. He was an outstanding athlete and will be remembered as one of Texas's best. Born in Tyler, TX he grew up to become a star at The University of Texas. His presence on the field dwarfed most opponents and he rose to the occasion many times and became a standout. Recently, he was inducted into the voted into the UT Hall of Fame and was also voted the top UT football player of all time.

From 1974–77, Earl Campbell compiled 4,443 yards and forty touchdowns. In college, his games usually ended with his rushing total above 100 yards. In fact, he rushed for over 100 yards twenty-one times, and twice he rushed for over 200 yards in a single game. He finished his career with the Longhorns as a two-time All-American and winner of the 1977 Heisman Trophy.

Campbell is known as the “Tyler Rose” in reference to his hometown of Tyler, Texas which is known as the “Rose Capital of America” for its rose-growing industry. His legacy in

Texas lived on after college because he was the first player drafted in the 1978 NFL Draft by the Houston Oilers.

As an Oiler, he became the Offensive Rookie of the Year and Most Valuable Player in his rookie season. The induction of Earl Campbell into the UT Hall of Fame is a testament to the hard work that he put in as a student athlete. We will forever remember “Tyler Rose” and what he did for the sport of football in the great state of Texas.

FINANCIAL CONSUMER HOTLINE ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, with the regulatory structure of our nation's banks divided among a series of governing bodies, it can be difficult for consumers to identify and contact the appropriate regulator when they have an inquiry or complaint. In an effort to address this situation, I will be introducing the Financial Consumer Hotline Act. This legislation would establish a single, toll-free telephone number consumers can call if they have a question or complaint and want to speak to the bank's regulator. This legislation also would establish a corresponding informational website.

This legislation directs the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC), a statutory interagency body empowered to prescribe uniform principles and standards for financial institutions, to set up the toll-free number and website. The Federal Reserve, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), and the Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS) are all members of FFIEC. This legislation also directs FFIEC to work with state banking regulators to integrate state regulated banks into the hotline service.

RECOGNIZING DR. JEAN MALECKI ON HER SERVICE TO PALM BEACH COUNTY

HON. RON KLEIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a leader in our community. On August 1 Florida will lose a wonderful public servant, as Dr. Jean Malecki is leaving the Palm Beach County Department of Health. Dr. Malecki has been with the Department of Health since 1989, serving as its Director for the last 17 years.

Born and raised in South Florida, Dr. Malecki has dedicated herself to making Palm Beach County the healthiest community in the nation. She created the Healthy Start program in which nurses make in-home visits throughout a woman's pregnancy to provide counseling to expectant mothers. She expanded the number of primary clinics, where they now treat 67,000 patients annually.

Her leadership was most visible shortly after the attacks of September 11, 2001, when she

led the Palm Beach County Department of Health through the first biological terror attack in the country. Under her direction the County diagnosed the first anthrax cases and quickly mobilized a team to help investigate the attacks.

I have personally watched and learned from Dr. Jean Malecki's extraordinary service to the people of Palm Beach County. We will miss her, but wish her the best in her new life and career.

Thank you for allowing me the time to speak about this admirable leader in my community, Madam Speaker.

CALLING FOR RETURN OF SEAN GOLDMAN

SPEECH OF

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 125. This resolution calls on the central authority of Brazil to uphold the Hague Convention by facilitating the immediate release of Sean Goldman to his father, David Goldman.

June 16, 2004 was the day Sean Goldman was abducted by his mother, Bruna Goldman, and taken to Brazil. That day marked the beginning of a 4½ year struggle to reunite David Goldman with his son Sean. During those subsequent years, David Goldman tirelessly lobbied the Brazilian judicial system, sought international legal advice, and mourned the death of Sean's mother in August 2008. Recently, the situation was further complicated when Sean's step-father petitioned the Brazilian courts for custody of Sean and illegally replaced David's name with his own on a Brazilian birth certificate.

H. Res. 125 was introduced by my New Jersey colleague, Representative CHRISTOPHER SMITH, and I am proud to be one of the 57 cosponsors of this bill. This resolution urges the Brazilian government to uphold its commitment to the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction. This multilateral treaty, developed by the Hague Conference on Private International Law in 1980, provides an expeditious method for returning a child taken from one member nation to another. H. Res. 125 is of the utmost importance, as it not only calls on Brazil to display their intention to follow international law, but also brings a father and son one step closer to reunification.

It is imperative for us to support David Goldman's quest to be reunited with his son. H. Res. 125 will help us accomplish this goal and I thank my colleagues for joining me in voting unanimously for its passage yesterday.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF WINTER HAVEN HOSPITAL

HON. ADAM H. PUTNAM

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 12, 2009

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, the state of health care in our country can be well measured by the quality of service provided by our